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the defects which it was manifest did exist. He thought Major Perley had touched the keynote when he had mentioned that the late Prof. Bain of the Royal Military College, had considered the trouble to be in the bullet. He was opposed to the suggestion that sighting shots should be tried as a remedy, for a time might come when this ammunition would be required to do execution from the first shot—when there would be no time for sighting shots.

Major Anderson, 43rd, thought that there was more than a want of confidence at the bottom of the poor Snider shooting. No want of confidence would, he said, put a bullet six feet below the target at 500 yards.

Capt. Hartt, St. John rifles, while complimenting Major Perley on his interesting explanation on the ammunition question, thought this explanation was anything but satisfactory, as it failed to point out where lies the defect, which apparently exists in the ammunition. He moved, seconded by Capt. Adam, that in the opinion of the competitors, it is desirable to introduce the Martini rifle at distances over 500 yards, as the Snider ammunition furnished is not satisfactory.

Lieut.-Col. Beer, 74th, moved in amendment, that in the opinion of the competitors the Snider arm should be abolished from the meetings of the D.R.A. (Applause.) He thought the Canadian force should be placed upon an equality with that of other colonies, and with the militia of England, and this was the proper time for the shooting men of the country to express their opinion concerning this weapon. He thought it was the desire of the government to do the best it could for the force, and that if such a request as that suggested were passed it would be complied with.

Major Perley said we had gone through all this before, and the answer had been that the Snider was the arm of the force, and as such had to be used, otherwise the government grant of \$10,000 could not be obtained. Without this grant it would really make very little difference whether the Snider or Martini rifle were used.

Major Tilton, G.G.F.G., suggested that a strong delegation from the association should be appointed to wait upon the Minister of Militia to urge upon him the desirability of making the D.R.A. gathering at Ottawa a Martini meeting.

Lieut.-Col. Gibson, 13th, thought that as this was one of very few occasions when representatives of the force from all parts of Canada came together, it was fitting that an expression of opinion should be made as to the arm with which that force was equipped. He thought this was an opportune occasion also to suggest to the council of the Dominion rifle association that another year the spirit of the resolution passed at last meeting of the competitors, respecting the use of the Martini, should be more fully carried out. He did not think the spirit of that resolution was that the competitors wanted to fire with the Martini standing at 200 yards. They would rather enjoy using the old Snider at that distance, but they would like to see the Martini used at 600 yards.

After some further discussion Capt. Hartt's motion and the amendment by Col. Beer were withdrawn, and the following was substituted:—

"Moved by Lieut.-Col. Beer, seconded by Lieut.-Col. Gibson, that in the opinion of this meeting of riflemen, representative of all parts of the Dominion, the time has arrived when the active militia should be armed with the Martini-Henry rifle; and that a committee be appointed to wait upon the minister of Militia to urge upon him the adoption of the views of this meeting."

This resolution was carried unanimously, and the following committee, comprising one representative from each province, was then chosen, with power to add to their number: Ontario, Lieut.-Col. Gibson; Quebec, Capt. Sims; Nova Scotia, Capt. Weston; New Brunswick, Lieut.-Col. Beer; Prince Edward Island, Lieut. Longworth; Manitoba, Capt. Balfour; British Columbia, Gunner Sargisson.

## OTHER GRIEVANCES AISED.

Major Delamere, Q.O.R., suggested that a paid officer be stationed at the butts, so as to ensure that when a competitor challenged a shot he might be awarded whatever appeared on the target. The chairman promised to bring the matter before the executive.

Capt. Abbott, P.W.R., complained that the the system of opening the extra series targets concurrently with the commencement of firing in the regular matches worked disadvantageously for those who had to shoot in the first pairs each morning, as these could not possibly get sighting shots in the extra series, while a few of the more lucky ones did, and had this opportunity of making higher scores in the matches. He suggested that either all be given an opportunity to fire or else that the extra series be not opened at all.

Capt. Balfour complained that the extra series targets were closed unnecessarily long preparatory to the skirmishing matches.

Lieut. Russell advocated the adoption of a time system for the extra series, so that a competitor would not have to spend hours beside a target waiting his turn to shoot.

Lieut.-Col. Gibson pointed out that the accommodation in the way of targets of the first-class was altogether insufficient.

Capt. Weston urged that in view of the probability that the government may not much longer maintain Rideau range without purchasing the location, the council should in the interests of the association see whether or not the range was large enough to continue to meet the constantly increasing requirements of the association, before its purchase be urged upon the government.

In connection with the complaint about loss of time to the great bulk of the competitors while the military matches were in progress, Major Delamere suggested that unlimited team entries from any corps be allowed, so that a greater number of the competitors might engage in these matches.

The hour being late, this important subject was not discussed, and the meeting adjourned at eleven o'clock.

## The Target.

**Halifax.**—A match took place on Bedford range on Saturday the 20th August, between a team of non-commissioned officers and men of the 63rd rifles and a team from H. M. S. Bellerophon. The rifle was the Martini, and the ranges were 200, 500 and 600 yards. It resulted in a win for the 63rd by 38 points. Another match is to take place between these teams. Following were the scores:

63RD RIFLES.				H. M. S. BELLEROPHON.					
Staff-Sergt Corbin	28	27	30	85	— Barter, A. B	30	31	21	85
Sergt Myers	26	27	28	81	Sergt Mills	26	28	23	82
Corpl Taylor	28	29	24	81	— Farley, 2nd el. po.	29	31	20	80
Sergt major Lochart	27	31	23	81	Capt Primrose	26	29	24	79
Sergt Mumford	30	27	23	80	Qr-Mr Darton	25	30	20	75
Sergt Dixon	30	25	23	78	Rev Mr Todd	25	28	16	70
Pte Longeile	29	27	19	75	— Burford, ldg seaman	28	24	17	69
Staff-Sergt Power	27	28	19	74	— Aplin, A. B	31	23	15	69
Pte Flowers	27	26	18	71	Pte Everard	31	22	14	67
Sergt Stenhouse	27	27	13	67	— Cole, grs. mate	21	18	21	60

Total..... 270 274 220 773

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## THE COBOURG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

**Cobourg.**—The twentieth annual prize meeting of the Cobourg rifle association was held on Thursday the 18th August. The meeting was one of the most successful ever held. There were some fifty competitors in attendance. There were two matches—one restricted to the militia of the county, and one open.

The ranges of the military match were 200 and 400 yards, five shots being fired at each. The prizes for the teams, of five men each, were won the first by the Cobourg garrison artillery (Capt. Dumble), who received \$10; 2nd, No. 2 Co. 40th Batt. (Capt. Snelgrove), \$5. The individual winners, whose prizes ranged from \$5 to \$1, were in the following order:—Sergt. Geo. Archer, Patroness' challenge cup and \$5; Gr. N. F. Macnachten, C.G.A.; Lieut. W. J. Hamilton, 40th Batt.; Lieut. McNaughton, Corpl. R. Lunn, Gunner H. L. Macnachten, Bombardier Wm. Tripp, C.G.A.; Lieut. W. Richardson, Capt. J. McCaughey, 40th Batt.; Trooper Charles Bull, 3rd Cavalry; Pte. E. Lacey, Pte. R. Graham, Sergt. H. Payne, Capt. H. J. Snelgrove, and Pte R. Black, 40th Batt.

The second match was at 200, 500 and 600 yards, five shots at each, and the following were the winners of the individual prizes offered, these prizes ranging from \$12 to \$1:—Geo. Archer, N. F. Macnachten, R. Lunn, D. McNaughtan, Wm. Tripp, W. J. Hamilton, Captain H. J. Snelgrove, E. Lacey, H. L. Macnachten, Robert Graham, Lt.-Col. J. Vance Gravely, Charles. Bull, W. Richardson, Captain J. McCaughey, W. McBriie, Fred. Dumble.

The aggregate prizes were won by Geo. Archer, who took the D.C.R.A. medal, with 109 points; N. F. Macnachten, Ontario medal, 107 points; R. Lunn, 87; and D. McNaughton, 86.

The Cobourg *World* says: The prizes were presented in the counties council chamber. Lieut.-Col. Graveley, president of the association occupied the chair, and Capt. E. A. Macnachten, "the first rifleman in the Dominion," acted as secretary. Among those by whose presence the members of the association felt themselves honored on this occasion were Lieut.-Col. Villiers, D.A.G.; C. C. Field, M.P.P.; and R. Mulholland, ex-M.P.P.

The Patronesses' Challenge Cup was presented to Sergt. Archer by the donor, Mrs. Graveley, while the other prize winners received their trophies at the hands of the popular deputy-adjutant general.

The distribution of the prizes having been completed, Col. Graveley said he wished to call the attention of the meeting, and especially of the officers of the Cobourg garrison, to the pressing necessity of a drill shed for Cobourg. At present there was no place in the town in which a single company could be paraded under cover, and it was next to impossible to maintain the organization of military corps without offering facilities to our young men to perfect themselves in the use of arms, and the drill and discipline required for efficiency. Cobourg—the headquarters of the 40th battalion—the county regiment of which all loyal citizens were justly proud, had a right to demand from the authorities at Ottawa the reconstruction of the drill shed destroyed by fire years ago, as the Dominion government by its action in compelling the title to the property—on which the old shed stood, to be vested in the Crown, had entirely deprived the town of her insurable interest in the buildings, although Cobourg and the county had contributed between them the principal part of the cost of construction, in addition to owning the site. He said he found that the town council had passed the by-law granting the money in December, 1866; that the town deeded to the Crown lots 16 and 47, block D, Queen street, on March 26th, 1866; and that the cost of the shed was \$2,550—of which sum the government contributed \$1,000 and the county council \$400, the town of Cobourg appropriating the balance in addition to the land. He claimed that the government should be called on to reconstruct a new drill shed on the old site, or on a more suitable one, if the old site could be disposed of on such terms as would realize sufficient money to purchase another. He suggested the appointment of a committee to proceed to Ottawa to lay the case before the Minister of Militia.

A resolution was immediately passed appointing Major Guillet, M.P., Capt. E. A. Macnachten, and Lt.-Col. Graveley, a deputation to proceed to Ottawa to lay the justice of the town's claim before the Minister of Militia and the government and urge upon them the necessity of making an appropriation for the erection of a drill shed in Cobourg.

The D. A. G. said he would do all he could to induce the Government to build a drill shed in Cobourg—an assurance that was received with loud applause. The meeting then adjourned.